Opening of International Convention Centre to encourage tourism

†3520. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open International Convention Centre in order to encourage the tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) to what extent tourism is likely to be boosted thereby and the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Finance has announced the setting up of Global Standard International Convention Centres in the country through private public partnership under the viability gap funding scheme. The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with Ministry of Finance has prioritized setting up of five Convention Centres in two categories as under:-

Category- I: Large Convention Centres with Exhibition facilities at Mumbai, Delhi and Bangalore.

Category- II: Small Convention facilities at Goa and Jaipur

(c) The Convention tourism is an important and the fastest growing segment of the tourism industry. The Ministry of Tourism is, therefore, taking all steps to meet the requirements of the international conferences, conventions etc. and to tap this segment. The expenditure likely to be incurred on these convention centre will vary from place to place depending on the facilities offered etc.

Meeting of National Tourism Advisory Council

3521. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a meeting held recently, the National Tourism Advisory Council expressed serious concern over the fast depleting population of several wildlife animals;

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